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SUMMARY: THE BOUMEDIENE VISIT SEEMED TO BE A COMPLETE SUCCESS  
FROM THE CHINESE POINT OF VIEW. THE ALGERIANS APPEARED TO ENDORSE

CHINA'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE THIRD WORLD AND ENDORSED MUCH OF  
PEKING'S CURRENT WORLD VIEW. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MARCH 3 AFTER BOUMEDIENE'S DEPARTURE THERE WERE NO POINTS OF DIFFERENCE INDICATED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. BOUMEDIENE'S EARLIER FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO EAST-WEST DETENTE WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. INSTEAD THE ALGERIANS APPEARED TO ENDORSE CURRENT CHINESE JARGON DESCRIBING THE WORLD SCENE INCLUDING THE DICTUMS THAT "REVOLUTION IS THE MAIN TREND IN THE WORLD TODAY," THAT THE TIDE IS RUNNING AGAINST "IMPERIALISM, HEGEMONISM AND REACTION," AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IS CHARACTERIZED BY "GREAT TURBULENCE." THE ALGERIANS ALSO ACCEPTED THE THESIS THAT THE "ROOT CAUSE" OF THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION LIES IN "CONTENTION BETWEEN THE BIG POWERS" AS WELL AS IN ISRAELI "AGGRESSION."

2. MOREOVER, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, BOUMEDIENE CORRECTED THE IMPRESSION HE HAD CONVEYED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF SPEECHES THAT ALGERIA DID NOT ACCEPT CHINA AS PART OF THE THIRD WORLD. AT HIS FAREWELL BANQUET IN PEKING ON MARCH 1 AS WELL AS IN HIS FEB. 28 SPEECH IN SHANGHAI, THE ALGERIAN PRESIDENT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED CHINA AMONG THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

3. IN THE COMMUNIQUE, THE CHINESE SIDE REAFFIRMED ITS ACTIVE SUPPORT OF BOUMEDIENE'S PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA FOR A STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT. THIS WAS PRESUMABLY A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIQUE MADE NO MENTION OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM IN GENERAL OR THE OIL QUESTION SPECIFICALLY.

4. LU K'UEI, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE PLA'S ARMAMENT DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT WELCOME AND THE MARCH 1 BANQUET. THIS SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF MILITARY AID MATTERS (AN ALGERIAN MILITARY DELEGATION VISITED THE PRC LAST MAY).

5. THE COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBED THE VISIT HAS HAVING BEEN A "COMPLETE SUCCESS," AND FROM THE CHINESE POINT OF VIEW THIS SEEMED TO BE TRUE. IT APPEARED TO BE A VICTORY IN PERSONAL DIPLOMACY, WITH CHOU WINNING OVER A MAJOR ARAB LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADER WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN RESERVED IN HIS ATTITUDE ABOUT CHINA. THE VISIT WAS AN IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION OF CHINA'S THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS AND THUS OF ITS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO ALGERIA AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT ENJOY. IN ADDITION, THE VISIT PROVIDED CHOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE THAT THE CONFUCIAN CAMPAIGN IN CHINA HAS NOT AFFECTED PRC FOREIGN POLICIES.

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